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SUBJECT: MAGISTRATE TRAINING

REF: KIGALI 735

1. WHILE SUBSTANTIAL "BRICKS AND MORTAR" PROJECT OUT OF QUESTION, AID HAS DISCUSSED WITH CLYDE FERGUSSON THE DESIRABILITY OF A SMALL TEAM OF EXPERTS TO GO TO KIGALI TO DISCUSS MAGISTRATE TRAINING AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS CONNECTED INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD BE TOP FLIGHT TEAM WHOSE MEMBER OR MEMBERS ARE OUTSIDE USG AND NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE COMMITMENTS, BUT WHOSE ADVICE WILL BE HELPFUL FOR RWANDA OFFICIALS AND WILL BE GIVEN WEIGHT BY USG.

2. FERGUSSON, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA AND ECOSOC, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, ETC., IS NOW PROFESSOR AT HARVARD UNCLASSIFIED

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LAW SCHOOL, SPECIALIZING IN HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE RECOMMENDS HIGHLY A COLLEAGUE AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, PROFESSOR CHARLES FRIED, WHO HAS FLUENCY IN FRENCH, KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF LEGAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA, AND HAS ADVISED ON SIMILAR MATTERS IN WEST AFRICA.

3. FRIED WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COME ON AID ISSUED INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS DURING WEEK OF 9-16 AUGUST. EXCEPT FOR THAT WEEK, HIS SCHEDULE IS BOOKED UP INTO THE FALL SEMESTER.

4. WE HAVE ASKED FERGUSSON TO JOIN FRIED. FERGUSSON IS REVIEWING A POSSIBLE COMPLICATION, BUT WILL RESOLVE THIS SHORTLY.

5. BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME DIMENSION, PLEASE ADVISE NO LATER THAN 21 JULY WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE VISIT BY FERGUSSON AND FRIED, AND IF FERGUSSON NOT AVAILABLE, BY FRIED ALONE. CHRISTOPHER

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